

ness the relinquishment of the military rule, and the full transfer of the State government to the Governor elect.

On motion of Mr. Alden, the Senate proceeded to the Assembly room, where the joint session was called to order by Mr. Mobley.

On motion of Mr. Knight, a committee of five was appointed by the Chair, consisting of Messrs. Knight and Hunt, of the Senate, and Messrs. Butler, Greene, and Delaney, of the Assembly, to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, the retiring Governor, and Col. Sprague, to notify them of the readiness of the Legislature to receive them.

On motion of Mr. Goss, it was

Resolved, That the Legislature, sitting in joint session, do hereby tender to Col. O. B. Hart, late Superintendent of Registration, and to the various boards of registration throughout the State, sincere thanks for the honest, able, and impartial manner in which they have performed the arduous duties of their respective offices.

Mr. Alden offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption.

Be it resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Florida in joint session convened, That appreciating the fidelity and patriotism with which Col. John T. Sprague and the officers of his command have discharged the arduous and trying duties imposed upon them by the reconstruction acts, we tender to them, in the name of the people of the State of Florida, our hearty and sincere thanks ;

Which was unanimously adopted.

The committee returned, and Mr. Knight, chairman, introduced to the Legislature Col. Sprague and staff, ex-Governor Walker, and his Excellency Governor Reed.

Addresses were delivered by Col. Sprague and ex-Governor Walker, and responded to by Governor Reed, after which, on motion of Mr. Bradwell, the two Houses adjourned to the stand at the west front of the capitol, and heard the reading of the Declaration of Independence. After the reading, the Senate returned to its own Chamber, and, on motion of Mr. Pearce, adjourned till Monday, July 6th, 12 M.

MONDAY, July 6th, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, at 12 M.
Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and no quorum being present, on motion

of Mr. Krimminger, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, July 7th, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, at 10 A. M.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Knight, the Senate adjourned till 12 M. to-day.

TWELVE O'CLOCK, M.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment, the permanent President, Lieutenant-Governor William H. Gleason, in the Chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll being called, there was no quorum.

On motion of Mr. Knight, the Sergeant-at-Arms was sent to procure the attendance of absent members.

The roll being called a second time, there was a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Alden, the set of rules already reported by the committee of which he was chairman, were taken up.

The Secretary read rule 1st, which was, on motion of Mr. McCaskill, adopted, to read as follows :

RULE 1. The President shall take the Chair every day at the hour to which the Senate shall have adjourned ; shall call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read.

On motion of Mr. Krimminger, rule 2d having been read, was adopted, to read as follows :

RULE 2. He shall preserve order and decorum ; may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal. He shall rise to put a question or to address the Senate, but may read sitting.

On motion of Mr. Krimminger, rule 3d having been read, was adopted, to read as follows :

RULE 3. He shall declare all votes ; but if any member rises to doubt a vote, the President shall order a return of the number voting in the affirmative and in the negative, without any further debate. He may vote on all questions, but shall not be required to do so unless the Senate is equally divided, or unless his vote, if given to the minority, would render the division equal.

On motion of Mr. Mobley, rule 4th having been read, was

amended by striking out the words "one-fifth," and inserting the words "any three," and adopted, to read as follows:

RULE 4. When any member shall require a question to be determined by yeas and nays, the President shall take the sense of the House in that manner, provided any three of the members present are in favor of it.

On motion of Mr. Goss, rule 5th having been read, was amended by inserting between the words "adjourn" and "shall," the words "and to lay on the table," and was adopted, to read as follows:

RULE 5. When a question is under debate, the President shall receive no motion but to *adjourn*, to *lay on the table*, to *postpone to a day certain*, to *commit*, to *amend*, or to *postpone indefinitely*, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged; and a motion to adjourn and to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

On motion of Mr. Knight, rule 6th having been read, was adopted, to read as follows:

RULE 6. When two or more members rise at once, the President shall name the member who is to speak first.

On motion of Mr. Bradwell, rule 7th having been read, was adopted, to read as follows:

RULE 7. The President shall have the right to name a member to perform the duties of the Chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Krimminger, rule 8th having been read, was adopted, to read as follows:

RULE 8. In case the President shall be absent at the hour to which the Senate was adjourned, the senior member present shall call the House to order, and shall preside until a President *pro tempore* shall be elected by ballot, which shall be the first business of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Knight, rule 9th having been read, was adopted, to read as follows:

RULE 9. Every member, when he speaks, shall stand in his place, and address the President, and when he has done speaking shall sit down.

On motion of Mr. Alden, rule 10th having been read, was adopted, to read as follows:

RULE 10. No member shall speak more than once on one question, to the prevention of any other who has not spoken, and is desirous to speak, nor more than twice without obtaining leave of the House.

On motion of Mr. Meacham, rule 11th having been read, was adopted, to read as follows:

RULE 11. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, but by rising up to call to order.

On motion of Mr. Meacham, rule 12th having been read, was adopted, to read as follows:

RULE 12. After a question is put to vote, no member shall speak to it.

On motion of Mr. Alden, rule 13th having been read, was adopted, to read as follows:

RULE 13. Every member presenting a petition, memorial, or remonstrance, shall indorse his name thereon, and in the filing thereof, state briefly the nature and object of the instrument; and shall also give, in his place, a brief summary thereof, and the reading shall be dispensed with, unless specially ordered by the House.

On motion of Mr. Bradwell, rule 14th having been read, was adopted, to read as follows:

RULE 14. Every motion shall be received and considered, and shall be reduced to writing if the President directs it; and no member shall be permitted to lay a motion, in writing, on the table, until he has read the same in his place.

On motion of Mr. Goss, rule 15th having been read, was amended by inserting after the word "member," the words "voting in the affirmative," and was adopted, to read as follows:

RULE 15. When a vote has passed, it shall be in order for any member voting in the affirmative, to move a reconsideration thereof on the same or the succeeding day, and such motion (except in the last week of the session) shall be placed first in the orders of the day for the day succeeding that on which the motion is made; and when a motion for reconsideration is decided, that vote shall not be reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Knight, rule 16th having been read, was stricken out.

On motion of Mr. Knight, rule 17th having been read, was adopted, to be numbered 16, and read as follows:

RULE 16. A question containing two or more propositions, capable of division, shall be divided whenever desired by any member. A motion to strike out and insert, shall be deemed indivisible; but a motion to strike out, being lost, shall neither preclude amendment nor a motion to strike out and insert.

On motion of Mr. Meacham, rule 18th having been read, was adopted, to be numbered 17, and read as follows:

RULE 17. The unfinished business in which the Senate was engaged at the time of the last adjournment shall have the preference in the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Goss, rule 19th, having been read, was amended by striking out the words "distinct from the public interest," and adopted, to be numbered 18, and read as follows:

RULE 18. No member shall be permitted to vote or serve on

any committee on a question where his private right is immediately concerned.

On motion of Mr. Knight, rule 20th, having been read, was amended by striking out the words, "unless there be a quorum left present," and adopted, to be numbered 19, and read as follows:

RULE 19. No member shall absent himself from the Senate without leave.

On motion of Mr. Bradwell, Robert M. Smith, Senator elect from the Sixteenth District, came forward and took the oath of office.

On motion of Mr. Bradwell, rule 21st, having been read, was adopted, to be numbered 20, and read as follows:

RULE 20. Any rule or order may be altered, dispensed with or rescinded, a majority of the members present consenting thereto.

On motion of Mr. Bradwell, rule 22d, having been read, was adopted, to be numbered 21, and read as follows:

RULE 21. Whenever a question shall be taken by yeas and nays, the Secretary shall call the names of all the members, except the President, in alphabetical order, and every member present shall answer to his name, unless excused; and no member shall be permitted, under any circumstances, to vote after the decision is announced from the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Alden, rule 23d, having been read, was amended by striking out the committees named therein and inserting others, and was adopted, to be numbered 22, and to read as follows:

RULE 22. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the first session, to wit:

- A Committee on the Judiciary.
 - A Committee on Education.
 - A Committee on Finance and Taxation.
 - A Committee on Claims.
 - A Committee on Corporations.
 - A Committee on City and County Organization.
 - A Committee on the Militia.
 - A Committee on Legislative Expenses.
 - A Committee on Agriculture.
 - A Committee on Public Printing.
 - A Committee on Enrolled Bills.
 - A Committee on Engrossed Bills.
 - A Committee on State Institutions.
 - A Committee on Railroads.
 - A Committee on Public Lands.
 - A Committee on Privileges and Elections.
- And each of these Committees shall consist of five members.

Mr. Smith moved to postpone the further consideration of the rules for to-day.

On motion of Mr. Meacham, the motion was laid on the table.

Rule 24 was read, and Mr. Bradwell moved its adoption, when a message was received from his Excellency the Governor, nominating David Montgomery for Sheriff of Madison county.

On motion of Mr. Knight, the Senate went into Executive session, the Assistant Door-keeper having been sworn.

The President directed the yeas and nays to be called on the confirmation of the appointment, and David Montgomery was unanimously confirmed to be Sheriff of Madison county, and the Governor notified of the confirmation.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the Senate adjourned till 10 A. M. to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, July 8th, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, at 10 A. M.

The President in the Chair.

The roll being called, a quorum was present.

On motion of Mr. Knight, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Mobley, leave of absence was granted Mr. Meacham for five days.

The rules being suspended, it was, on motion of Mr. Hunt, *Resolved*, That a committee of three Senators be appointed by the President to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the Senate has a quorum present, and is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

The President appointed Messrs. Hunt, Davis, and Alden as such committee, and the committee withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Mobley, leave of absence until Saturday next was granted Mr. Jenkins.

On motion of Mr. Knight, leave of absence was granted Mr. Purman during his illness.

The consideration of the rules was taken up, where it was suspended yesterday.

On motion of Mr. Davidson, rule 24th having been read, was adopted, to be numbered 23, and to read as follows:

RULE 23. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specially directed by the Senate; and the person first named shall be chairman, and whenever a member of a committee shall be absent and a substitute shall be appointed, the substitute shall hold the same rank in the committee as the member held for whom he is substituted. In all elections of